



## **Resident Questions and Responses to Wood Streets MNO**

### **Public Works:**

#### **Resident #1**

##### ***Is the City planning on putting a sidewalk on Palm Ave.?***

The Public Works department will evaluate the request for construction of sidewalks on Palm Avenue and add the location to the sidewalk priority list. If you have further questions, you may call Philip Hannawi in the engineering division at 826-5341

#### **Resident #2**

##### ***What is the status of the speed hump proposal for Rubidoux Ave.?***

The Public Works Department has not received the 70% of required resident signatures needed to move forward with the approval process. If the Public Works Department does not receive these signatures, other options in lieu of speed humps will be considered, such as stop signs and police enforcement. If you have further questions or concerns, you may contact the Traffic Engineer, Steve Libring at 826-5368.

#### **Resident #3**

##### ***Is there anything being done about the increase in large commercial trucks exiting SR 60 West and traveling on Main Street? Many of these trucks fail to stop at the Orange St. signal, but rather cross the intersection at high speeds.***

The Public Works Department has requested that the Police Department provide enforcement at the intersection for trucks running the lights westbound of the ramp. If you have further questions, you may contact the Traffic Engineer, Steve Libring at 826-5368.

### **Planning:**

#### **Resident #4**

##### ***Could the planning division please provide an update as to the development of the Tesquesquite Arroyo?***

A property owner/developer had proposed developing this site with a championship golf course, clubhouse amenities, park and residential units. The City Council has recently requested the City Manager work with the property owner and the community to identify alternative development concepts for this land for review by the City Council Development Committee and the full City Council.

### **Park and Rec:**

#### **Resident #5**

***Why are there no parks in the Wood Streets Neighborhood? Could one be developed in the Tequesquite Arroyo?***

Typically, a minimum of 6 to 12 acres of land is needed to provide a neighborhood park. This lower figure is the minimum used when a park can be located immediately adjacent to a school's playground so there can be a "sharing" of the open space. When no school is adjacent, a neighborhood park is typically sized at minimum 10 to 12 acres in size. The reason there is no park within the Wood Streets area is primarily related to the availability of a suitably sized parcel of land. Essentially, at the time the Wood Streets were developed, no land was either set aside or acquired by the City to meet the park needs of the neighborhood. Today, the acreage owned at the Tequesquite Arroyo currently offers the best opportunity to provide a park for this neighborhood.

A park could be built in the Tequesquite Arroyo to serve the Wood Streets. The Parks Department currently owns just over 43 acres of land at the intersection of Tequesquite Avenue and Palm Avenue that is designated as park land.

#### **Resident #6**

***What can the neighborhood do to get a skate park close to my house? Could one be built at the Tequesquite Arroyo?***

Typically, the facilities to be provided at any given park site are determined through a "master plan" process that involves representatives from the neighborhood, the Park Commission and City Council. If there is sufficient support for building skate park facilities at that location, then yes, a skate park could be built at the Tequesquite Arroyo. Essentially, what facilities are built and when they are built, is determined through a public forum and consensus process.

The short answer to the first question is simply: "Get involved!" To get any sort of park facilities built near one's home, residents first need to become involved in the process used to establish the priorities for funding of public projects. Each year the department is charged with the task of preparing a Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) that outlines the priorities for funding of new capital facilities based on funds available to the department. This plan is presented to the Parks Recreation and Community Services Commission at a public meeting, as well as to the City Council, again at a public meeting. Work typically begins on the CIP in December with the plan being forwarded to the Parks Commission some time in January each year. The City Council typically takes final action on the City's budget for any given year in May or June for the coming fiscal year. The public, Park Commissioners and City Council members all have the opportunity to request consideration of specific projects through this process. Ultimately, the City Council decides which projects are funded each year.

Obtaining funding is the first step. When funds are available, a master plan of the site can be prepared with public workshops that involve the community. Once a master plan is finalized and approved by City Council, if additional funding either is already available or can be made available, then a design/construction process can begin. The design/construction process typically takes 18 months to 3 years to complete depending upon the nature and complexity of the facilities to be provided, as well as the extent of funding available.